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Summer Movies at Sunnyside

By John Royce

"Is that the place on Willow and California?" It's a familiar response whenever I bring up my involvement with efforts to save Sunnyside Cemetery, tragic victim of financial hardship and relentless drought. Founded in 1906, Sunnyside's 16,300 resting souls represent the rich tapestry of history that shaped the community we call home. With no plots left to sell, there's little income for water, grounds keeping and pest control, let alone removal of dead trees and improvements. Our gracious volunteers work hard, but the to-do list remains daunting and costly.

On June 30th, thanks to a wonderful community partnership with Festival Obscura, we hosted a craft beer festival to determine if we had the capacity to raise enough funds to make a difference. We did! Many familiar Cal Heights faces attended and helped make A Celebration at Sunnyside a wonderful financial success and a hopeful sign for our mission's future. We can't thank you enough and look forward to our next festival.

Until then, the fundraising continues as Festival Obscura's Sunnyside Cemetery Cinema kicks off with family friendly summer movie favorites every other Saturday: **July 21st** - Who Framed Roger Rabbit with 30th anniversary showcase; **August 4th** - Back to the Future with DeLorean showcase; **August 18th** - Monster Squad; **September 1st** - Dazed and Confused with muscle car showcase; **September 15th** - Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure; **September 29th** - Pee Wee's Big Adventure with retro bicycle showcase; **October 13th** - Horror movie night TBA. Live music, food trucks, and art vendors round out the fun.

Gates open at 6pm and movies begin at dusk. Parking is limited, so carpools, Uber, Lyft, and taxis are strongly encouraged. No pets, please. Picnic blankets and low back chairs are welcomed to prevent obstructed viewing. Find \$13 tickets at festivalobscura.com, and visit the Friends of Sunnyside Cemetery Facebook page for ongoing volunteer opportunities at facebook.com/friendsofsunnyside. 🐾

President's Message

I've got a bit more to talk about than usual, in a good way.

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018 the CHNA was finally able to achieve a long-held goal of mine, officially re-opening our board meetings to the public generally, but to the neighborhood specifically. We never officially stopped having open meetings, but for a very long time, we haven't had access to a venue where that worked out. We now have that venue generously provided to us by Liberation Brewing Co., and the 10th was our first go. We had six guests in attendance and they made valuable contributions to several topics of discussion over the course of the meeting. We've still got some wrinkles to work out, but I'm very excited by the turn out, and have high hopes for the future. We're going to post details for each of the meetings as events on the CHNA's facebook page, but for those not facebook-inclined, you can always email info@calheights.org for the latest information as well.

Speaking of Liberation Brewing Company, they are partnering with us in throwing this year's variation of our Summer Block Party, which will be a movie night. As with the block parties, we're going to provide the basics food wise (the details of which are still under discussion) and I think we're going to provide our own popcorn popper and popcorn, but I would like to maintain the tradition of doing a bit of a pot-luck for folks so inclined (desserts, snacks, etc.). This one won't be BYOB, obviously, for alcohol at least, but LBC will be open for business and Ferris Beuler's Day Off will be playing, in honor of the soon-to-be over summer break. So put a hold on the evening of Wednesday, August 22nd, and will provide more details as we settle them. 🍿

Kindly,



Hugh Little, CHNA President

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Cal Heights Looking Back

By Frances Stoner

"Where were you in 1962?" Did you love the movie American Graffiti? What was your favorite thing; the innocent times, the music or all the great classic cars? Long Beach had its share of great car clubs in the 50's and 60's. Fast, customized or borrowed from Mom and Dad, cars were the ticket to the frenzy that was the teenage car cruising circuit. But not all car clubs were the same. The Cut Outs of Long Beach were much more the Ron Howard than the Harrison Ford in that iconic movie.

Ron Dulin is a born and bred Cal Heights guy growing up on 37th and Gaviota. While a Junior at LB Poly, he was asked to join the Cut Outs, a car club that started in 1941. "The Cut Outs choose your car first and you second," Ron recalled. You and your car had to be worthy to carry the Cut Outs plaque. The club had a constitution, by-laws, and members took an oath to be good citizens. "The club taught you organization, cooperation, and responsibility. We even carried business cards that we would hand out to stranded motorists that we would assist," Ron said.

The Cut Outs even affiliated with the LB police to promote car safety. An 18 year old Ron was chosen to participate in a test to see if speeding really paid off. Ron and another driver were given a set route to follow. While the 'good' driver simply had to follow all the rules of the road Ron was encouraged to speed all he wanted. Ron did beat the other driver to the finish line and was given a cigarette to smoke while waiting on the other driver to arrive. The moral of this tortoise and hare story was that speeding only saved you the time it took to smoke a single cigarette. An article in the Press-Telegram showed Ron smoking a cigarette beside a clock. "My mother was not amused," Ron said with a chuckle.

When asked why join a car club Ron stated "you became part of a whole family who had pride in what they did. I worked hard to save money and customize my car. I simply loved cars."

As the summer evenings grow longer, you can imagine yourself riding with Ron in his '56 Fury cruising down Atlantic to stop at The Clock Drive-in and meet the gang. 🚗

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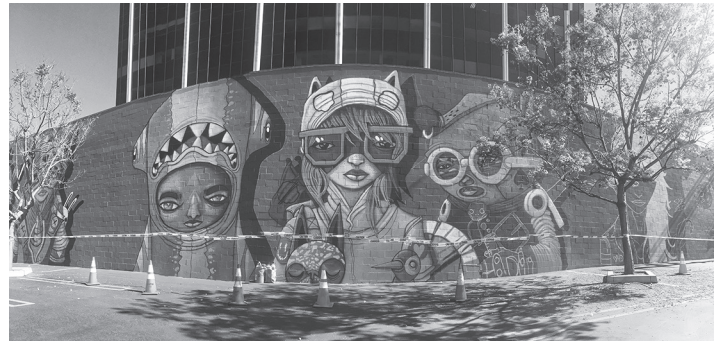
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Cal Heights In Pictures

By Tom Underhill

- #1: New Mural at Bixby and Long Beach Blvd.
- #2: Clean Streets volunteers Gabrielle and Alfredo.
- #3: June 27, 2018 Globemaster Planning meeting
The City of Long Beach is preparing the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan, and want to hear from you. The third and final workshop on this effort is expected to be held in September 2018. Visit lbs.info/GMCSP/ to download PDFs of the first two meetings. Sign up for alerts for the September meeting at longbeach.gov/linklb
- #4: Construction of the new Gerald Desmond Bridge
- #5: Cal Heights volunteers have been watering our young trees to make sure they survive the summer heat.
- #6: Happy July 4th!



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An Old Friend Is Back

by Tom Underhill

If you've lived in Cal Heights for several years, I'm sure you remember B&B Hardware located on Wardlow and California. I ran into owner, Tom Barnes at his newest location in Signal Hill. Here's what Tom had to say:

We have been in business for 12 years. We started in California Heights with a neighborhood general hardware store, but had difficulty competing with the two Home Depots located nearby so we relocated our business to 2650 E. Broadway in Long Beach. We wanted to come back to this area and recently opened our second location at 2102 E. 28th Street in Signal Hill. My wife Sinoeun (Noon) and I feel that Signal Hill will be our longtime location. It is centrally located and near the freeway for easy access to our store from other historical neighborhoods including Whittier, Orange, and Santa Ana to name a few.

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I was born and raised in Long Beach and attended Millikan High School and Long Beach City College. Being back (close) to home feels great. Come by and see our new space, our hours are Tuesday-Sunday 9 am - 5 pm. 🐦



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At Your Local Library

by Josephine Caron, Senior Librarian

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANA LIBRARY! The Dana Library opened its doors 60 years ago in May. Prior to its Atlantic Avenue location, the library was located on Wardlow for 30 years and known as the California Heights Station. That's 90 years of providing service to the community! Today, Dana is very well used by patrons of all ages. We held a Happy Birthday Dana story time program. Our toddlers celebrated with stories, party hats, and cupcakes. A commemorative bookmark will be available soon.

Our Summer Reading Program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere," is going strong with 294 sign ups already. If you haven't joined yet, it's not too late to sign up the entire family, to read, win prizes, and attend fun programs. To add to your summer enjoyment and relaxation after doing all that summer reading, join us for movies and popcorn on Saturdays at 1:00 pm in the Dana Library auditorium. All movies have a connection to libraries, literature or our Summer Reading Program theme of travel. We always look forward to seeing you.

Check the library's website at www.lbpl.org for all events happening this summer throughout the Long Beach Public library system. 📖

CHNA's Newest Board Member



A Southern California native and proud California Heights homeowner, Manuel "Manny" Valenzuela is excited to serve as a new Board Member for the California Heights Neighborhood Association.

Manny currently works as a Budget Analyst for the County of Los Angeles, where he assists the Chief Executive Officer in managing the County's financial affairs. He hopes to use his current and past work experience in city planning and community and parks development, coupled with his passion for historic preservation, to give back to the beautiful neighborhood that he now calls home.

Manny is married to his UC Irvine college sweetheart Thelma and enjoys spending time with his two rescue dogs Rory and Maeby, basketball, reading, and film.



From the 7th

By Roberto Uranga

July 4th was a day for remembrance and rejoice. Unfortunately, we had individuals act outside of the law. I heard some community members concerns about the illegal activities and we continue to push forward to implement new strategies and curbing methods.

Below I have outlined some of the proactive approaches our City took this Independence Day.

To address community concerns related to fireworks, new enforcement strategies were implemented by the LBPd, shifting its focus from not only the users, but the suppliers as well. The LBPd, through a firework enforcement investigation on June 20th, located several thousand pounds of illegal high-powered fireworks with a street value of approximately \$250,000. Separately, three other investigations resulted in one arrest, one citation, and the confiscation of approximately 3,000 pounds of fireworks, narcotics, a handgun, magazines, and ammunition. On July 4th, police enforcement resulted in 26 felony and misdemeanor arrests, and 32 fireworks and misdemeanor citations.

This year, to better protect our pets, the LB Animal Care Services (ACS) deployed their inaugural "Fireworks Campaign" at the beginning of June. ACS put forth a series of print and social artwork pieces designed to help pet owners keep and calm their pets. The campaign focused on Owner Awareness, Pet Protection, and Dog Fostering. The Owner Awareness campaign spotlighted five pieces of artwork that focused on how to safeguard animals against fireworks. Printed pieces were distributed citywide to local business and store-fronts. The Pet Protection campaign promoted a free give-away of pet tags to owners; in total, 132 pet tags were distributed. Each pet tag was inscribed with the pet owner's information just in case the animal ran away so that owners and pets could be reunited quickly. The Foster the 4th campaign focused on having current shelter dogs fostered for a period of three weeks. Fostering these animals helped make room for run-away dogs brought to the shelter over the July 4th holiday.

I'm glad to represent the residents of California Heights, and I look forward to continuing to work together! As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You are our eyes and ears. I can be reached at 562-570-7777 and via email at district7@longbeach.gov. 🐾



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by Blair Cohn, Executive Director BKBIA

Hi Neighbors,

That August time it was delight / To watch the red moons wane to white."-- Algernon Charles Swinburne, English poet

I hope you are enjoying every moment of your summer and the beauty of our neighborhood. On my walks and bike rides through the neighborhood I see and hear all the fun in swimming pools, barbecues, and enjoy the sweet smell of star jasmine. And of course, seeing people strolling the business corridors and spending some dollars locally works in any season.

Our next **Summer Saturdays** event is on August 11th from 3 to 6 pm and we plan to continue the cool stuff throughout the district. Speaking of cool, most of these events happen inside with air conditioning so come enjoy it. And who has ridden the Beer Trolley?

Plan on joining us for our next **Concert in the Park(ing Lot)** on Monday, August 20th, featuring the Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra. The concert will be held in the parking lot across from Steelcraft at 3735 Long Beach Boulevard. Lola's Mexican Cuisine is the sponsor of the concert and you will be able to purchase your dinner right on-site during the show. Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra is Jamaica meets Duke Ellington. The big band jazz arrangements of the 1940s collide with the sound of early Jamaica to create a sound unique unto itself. We had them here two summers ago and people danced from start to finish. They are definitely one of the most popular bands around and you won't want to miss it.

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Knights of the Round (Turn)Table has been fun with discussions of the Beach Boys, "Pet Sounds" and Fleetwood Mac's, "Rumours" albums. Come join us at the Petroleum Club on Thursday, August 23rd, at 6:30 pm, as we listen and discuss David Bowie's, "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust."

Monthly recommendation: I really hope you have been to the Bixby Trading Post at 3803 Atlantic Avenue. It has to be one of the most attractive and unique spots in the district. Imagine a friendly general store with locally sourced products like jams, granola, fresh fruit, and roasted coffee. Plus, there is handmade pottery, jewelry, clothing, a vegan shoe department, a zero waste section, and you might walk in to find a pasta making class in session. You can find gifts for your house and all the people in it! Adjacent to the Trading Post is the retail boutique, Sister LB. They are dedicated to "helping you build a wardrobe that inspires you. We believe that you should buy what you love, wear everything that you own, and enjoy getting dressed every day." Focusing on women's and kids clothing and accessories, Sister LB brings us another charming and hip destination that makes our district so special.

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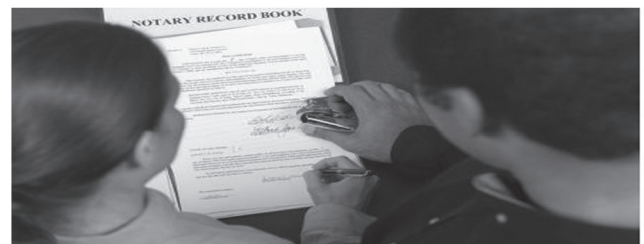
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